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8                   UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
9                   WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
10                  AT TACOMA

11                  JOSHUA A. DICKENS,

12                  Plaintiff,

13                  v.

14                  NAPHCARE,

15                  Defendant.

CASE NO. 3:23-CV-5934-DGE-DWC

ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION  
TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*  
AND DIRECTING INSTITUTION  
TO CALCULATE, COLLECT, AND  
FORWARD PAYMENTS

16 Plaintiff is a state prisoner proceeding *pro se* in this civil rights action. The Court, having  
17 reviewed Plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis*, hereby finds and ORDERS as  
follows:

18       (1) Plaintiff's declaration indicates he is unable to afford the Court's filing fee or give  
19 security therefore. Accordingly, Plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis*, Dkt. 1, is  
20 GRANTED. As set forth below, an initial partial filing fee will be collected, and Plaintiff is  
21 thereafter required to make monthly payments of 20 percent of the preceding month's income  
22 credited to his account until the full amount of the filing fee is satisfied.

(2) Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915, and Plaintiff's approved application to proceed *in forma pauperis*, the agency having custody of the above-named Plaintiff is directed to calculate an initial partial filing fee equal to 20 percent of the greater of either: (a) the average monthly deposits to the prisoner's account; or (b) the average monthly balance in the prisoner's account for the 6-month period immediately preceding the date of this Order. The initial partial filing fee should be forwarded to the Clerk of Court as soon as practicable.

Subsequently, if the prisoner's account exceeds \$10.00, each month the agency having custody of the prisoner is directed to collect and forward payments equal to 20 percent of the prisoner's preceding month's income credited to the prisoner's account. In the event that the monthly payment would reduce the prisoner's account below \$10.00, the agency should collect and forward only that amount which would reduce the prisoner's account to the \$10.00 level.

Please note this \$10.00 limit does not apply to the initial partial filing fee described above.

Finally, the monthly payments should be collected and forwarded to the Court until the entire filing fee (\$350.00) for this matter has been paid.

(3) The Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Order to plaintiff and to the financial officer of this Court. The Clerk is also directed to send a copy of this Order and a copy of Plaintiff's Acknowledgment and Authorization portion of the IFP application, and to the agency having custody of plaintiff.

Dated this 16th day of November, 2023.

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David W. Christel  
Chief United States Magistrate Judge